

CIA INTERNAL USE

6 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Board of Editors, Studies in Intelligence

SUBJECT: Status Report

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Editors will be Friday and Saturday, 6 and 7 April. We will not have much in the way of new contributions to review, but we will have the task of selecting prizewinning articles for the last two (correct) years. Within a week I expect to deliver to each Board member bound copies of the last two volumes so that you can make your selections and be prepared to discuss them.

2. Also within the week I should have the next issue ready for the printer. Thanks to the Board's extraordinary labors at the last meeting, we have ample material for two issues (assuming that AZORIAN II can be cleared quickly with interested non-Agency parties.)

3. I attach brief minutes of the special meeting of the CSI Board of Advisors held 16 February. George Allen advises that he will have three Fellows aboard at the CSI as of 12 March.

4. I have been asked by the course director for the Mid-Career Course to collaborate in a project in which course participants would prepare articles on topics of general interest to the Agency or the Community. The Editor (with the Board's approval) would agree to identify such topics and would undertake to review articles produced by the students (working in groups). If any of the products should be of sufficient merit, the Editor would submit them to the Board in the normal manner, and they would be reviewed, accepted, remanded or rejected on an equal basis with articles submitted by or commissioned from individual authors. I have the course director's assurance that there will be no pressure from OTR for any special preference to be given to such articles, and no commitment will be given to the student groups as to the acceptance of their articles for publication except on their merits as judged against standing Studies criteria. On my part, I will make every effort to identify any particularly worthy project and to work with the authors to make it presentable. The next course begins 25 March, and I will personally explain the terms of the project to the students. Topics will be selected from a list prepared by OTR for previous courses, from my own wish list, and perhaps from the list of approved CSI topics.

5. The Chairman advises that the Comptroller, Mr. James Taylor, has been invited to join the Board and has accepted. I will send him the usual letter of welcome and solicit his presence at our next meeting. By this memorandum I solicit further nominations from Board members (by telephone or by return memorandum) for the Chairman's consideration.

6. As anticipated, the unclassified article "The Holocaust Revisited" has received wide public attention as a result of its availability through the National Archives. Sanitized reprints had been given by the Director to the President, the President's Commission on the Holocaust (headed by Elie Weisel), individual scholars and authors, and to a number of university presidents. The authors and the Office of Public Affairs also distributed a number of copies, and the Editor has responded to requests from individual readers of Studies. The Defense Intelligence School has been given permission to reprint the article in its publication. Following the appearance of a news story on the article in the Washington Post, the Archivist requested permission for the authors to appear at a press conference under his auspices to respond to the many press inquiries. With Mr. Hetu's approval, the authors and [ ] gave a press briefing at the National Archives which was very well received by the numerous US and foreign media representatives who attended. The interest thus generated forced the reluctant decision that additional reprints would be made available to DocX and the Department of Commerce for general distribution to requesters and subscribers to CIA unclassified publications. The Public Affairs office will field responses to requests not referable to DocX, and the Archivist will handle requests for the photographs from which the article was derived. The sanitized reprints make no reference to Studies, and so far no public connection has been made.

7. Actions requested: 1) Let me know by 21 March your plans for attending the Board meeting; 2) by the same date advise me if you have any recommendations for new Board members; 3) be prepared to receive two bound volumes of Studies for the selection of prizeworthy articles.

[ ]  
Studies in Intelligence

25X1

Approved For Release 2004/10/28 : CIA-RDP81B00493R000100020025-4

Approved For Release 2004/10/28 : CIA-RDP81B00493R000100020025-4

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Board of Studies in Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Approval of Research Topics for DCI Fellows

1. The charter of the Center for the Study of Intelligence says:

"individual research and study topics to be undertaken by the DCI Fellows...must be approved in advance by the Board."

The following is intended to give that charge meaning.

2. "Areas for research" such as those approved by the Board at the October 1978 meeting and proposed at the January 1979 meeting are not research topics in the sense we intended when we approved the charter. General subjects of that nature can certainly be suggested by the Board, by the Director of the Center, by the Director of Training, by the DCI or DDCI, or other interested parties and used in advertising for potential Fellows as matters a Fellow might wish to address. But a research topic, whether it is responsive to such a suggestion or proposed initially by a potential Fellow, must be considerably more specific before the Board is asked to "approve." The Board, in considering a topic, should have in hand a proposal which not only identifies the topic but outlines in some detail the structure of the study that is being suggested, and makes clear the methodology to be used. The proposal need not--indeed, should not--attempt to foreshadow the conclusions of the proposed paper.

3. The functions of the Board are to determine: (1) that the topic is important enough to justify the expenditure [redacted] of the Government's money, and (2) that the approach offers reasonable hope of leading to conclusions that have some real world significance for the Agency, the Community, or the intelligence business. The Board does not have the power to approve or disapprove candidates for Fellows.

4. The responsibilities of the Director of the Center for the Study of Intelligence, with regard to the selection and approval of topics, are to: